

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims as indicated below:

1. (Currently Amended) A transparent, paramagnetic label for an article that provides transparent information useful for identification, tracking and anti-theft purposes, the ~~label~~ transparent information being essentially free of optical detection by a person with 20/20 vision from a distance of 3 feet or more comprising composition comprising polymer complexed with a sufficient amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to provide a polymer composition magnetic mass susceptibility of greater than 20×10^{-6} emu/g measured at 298°K.
2. (Currently Amended) A transparent, paramagnetic label for an article that provides transparent information useful for identification, tracking and anti-theft purposes, the ~~label~~ transparent information being essentially free of optical detection by a person with 20/20 vision from a distance of 3 feet or more comprising composition comprising polymer complexed with one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69, the amount of rare earth ions being greater than 9 weight percent based on the total weight of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer.
3. (Currently Amended) A transparent, paramagnetic label for an article that provides transparent information useful for identification, tracking and anti-theft purposes, the ~~label~~ transparent information being essentially free of optical detection by a person with 20/20 vision from a distance of 3 feet or more comprising composition comprising polymer complexed with one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 66 – 67, the amount of rare earth ions being at least 5 weight percent based on the total weight of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer.
4. (Original) The transparent, paramagnetic label for an article of claim 1, 2, or 3 wherein the information transparency is such that it is possible to transmit at least 55% of the incident light/radiation through a 1/8 inch thick test piece of the label material for greater than 50% of the wavelengths in the range of 400 to 1800 nanometers (nm).
5. (Withdrawn) A method of labeling an article comprising the steps of

- (a) applying a label composition comprising a polymerization initiator and a monomer composition comprising polymerizable monomers and source of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to the article; and then
 - (b) curing the label composition to form a transparent, paramagnetic polymer label; wherein
resulting transparent, paramagnetic polymer label comprises polymer complexed with a sufficient amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 - 69 to provide a polymer composition magnetic mass susceptibility of greater than 20×10^{-6} emu/g measured at 298°K.
- 6. (Withdrawn) A method of labeling an article comprising the steps of
 - (a) applying a label composition comprising a polymerization initiator and a monomer composition comprising polymerizable monomers and source of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to the article; and then
 - (b) curing the label composition to form a transparent, paramagnetic polymer label; wherein
resulting transparent, paramagnetic polymer label comprises polymer complexed with the amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 - 69 based on the total weight of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer label being greater than 9 weight percent.
- 7. (Withdrawn) A method of labeling an article comprising the steps of
 - (a) applying a label composition comprising a polymerization initiator and a monomer composition comprising polymerizable monomers and source of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 64 – 69 to the article; and then
 - (b) curing the label composition to form a transparent, paramagnetic polymer label; wherein

resulting transparent, paramagnetic polymer label comprises polymer complexed with the amount of one or more rare earth ions selected from the group consisting of elements 66 - 67 based on the total weight of the transparent, paramagnetic polymer label being greater than 5 weight percent.

8. (New) The transparent, paramagnetic label of claim 1, 2, or 3 wherein the transparent information is a paramagnetically recognizable pattern.
9. (New) The transparent, paramagnetic label of claim 8 wherein the paramagnetically recognizable pattern is a bar code.